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MASSACHUSETTS MAN SENTENCED FOR COUNTERFEITING

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, and Special Agent in Charge Steven Ricciardi of the United States Secret Service today announced that Samuel Bedient, 21, of Woburn, Massachusetts, was sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison by the United States District Court, Concord, New Hampshire, after pleading guilty to one count of passing a counterfeit \$100 Federal Reserve Note at a fast food restaurant in Manchester in February 2005. Bedient was also placed on supervised release for two years. The term of supervised release begins after he is released from prison and, during that period, Bedient's behavior will be monitored by the United States Probation Office.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "The integrity of the currency of the United States must be fully protected. The passing of a single counterfeit Federal Reserve Note impugns the integrity of our government's monetary system. As this case demonstrates, those who would use computer technology to duplicate, produce, and pass counterfeit currency will be prosecuted."

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and prosecuted by Criminal Chief Don Feith.